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Title : Need to provide immediate relief to the people affected by natural calamities in J&K.

CHAUDHARY LAL SINGH (UDHAMPUR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Jammu and Kashmir is worst affected either from the climatic reasons or from the external power of terrorist attack. Last year, the State had experienced heavy snowfall which had taken so many lives and belongings of the people. Sir, a few months back, there was another massive earthquake which has not only taken the lives of thousands of people but I must say that many of the villages have been completely damaged which is a non-recoverable loss to the State. I have no reason to blame anybody. I can only say that we must meet all the challenges well in time and provide shelter to the homeless people of Jammu and Kashmir particularly the Valley area who have to face cool breeze in the open shelter as winter season is very fast approaching.

Further, to add to the agony of the people, we have regular attacks from the terrorists particularly in the Valley in which hundreds of people were injured and many of them have lost their lives.

I would, therefore, urge the Government of India that as the winter season is approaching very fast, the aggrieved families of the State who have been made homeless by the earthquake should be provided immediate relief, so as to protect them from heavy snowfall besides countering terrorists attack.